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For: MULTI-LAYER GOLF BALL

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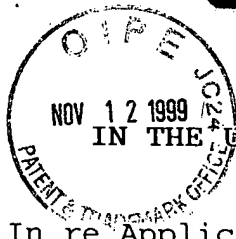
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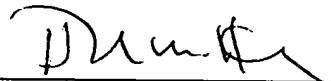
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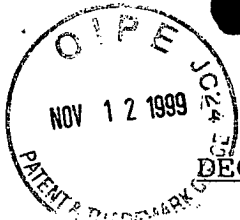


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I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

IMPROVED MULTI-LAYER GOLF BALL

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Divisional Application of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/631,613, filed 04/10/96, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/591,046, filed 01/25/96, U.S. Application 08/542,793 filed on October 13, 1995, which in turn is a continuation-in-art of U.S. Application 08/070,510 filed 06/01/93, and U.S. Application No. 08/542,793 filed October 13, 1995, which is a continuation of 08/070,510.

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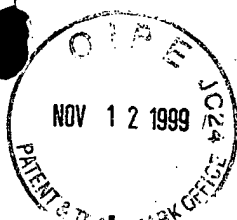
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Improved Multi-Layer Golf Ball

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Field of the Invention

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/631,613 filed on April 10, 1996, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/591,046 filed on January 25, 1996, U.S. Application Serial No. 08/542,793 filed on October 13, 1995, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application 08/070,510 filed June 1, 1993, and U.S. Application No. 08/542,793 filed October 13, 1995, which is a continuation of 08/070,510.

The present invention relates to golf balls and, more particularly, to improved golf balls comprising multi-layer covers which have a hard inner layer and a relatively soft outer layer.

Background of the Invention

Traditional golf ball covers have been comprised of balata or blends of balata with elastomeric or plastic materials. The traditional balata covers are relatively soft and flexible. Upon impact, the soft balata covers compress against the surface of the club producing high spin. Consequently, the soft and flexible balata covers provide an experienced golfer with the ability to apply a spin to control the ball in flight in order to produce a draw or a fade, or a backspin which causes the ball to "bite" or stop abruptly on contact with the green. Moreover, the soft balata covers produce a soft "feel" to the low handicap player. Such playability properties (workability, feel, etc.) are particularly important in short iron play with low swing speeds and are exploited significantly by relatively skilled players.

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